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28, which project inward, hold the respective helical spring 18 positively in position and are dimensioned so that the helical springs can be clipped in elastically during the installation.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Page 9, line 1, before claim 1, cancel CLAIMS, and in place thereof, insert:

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Amend claims 1-13 and add new claims 14-20, as follows:

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1. ~~(Amended) A telescopic mechanism for steering columns~~  
of motor vehicles, comprising:  
an internal element which has a flattening at least on one side,  
5 an external element which is complementary to the internal element, and  
roll barrels for guiding the internal element in the external element, and which roll barrels roll at the flattening, at least some of the roll barrels constructed as hollow  
10 elasticity bodies.

2. (Amended) The telescopic mechanism of claim 1, wherein the hollow bodies are helical springs.

3. (Amended) The telescopic mechanism of claim 2, wherein the helical springs are tensile springs having coils of which, in an unstressed state, lie against one another on block.

4. (Amended) The telescopic mechanism of claim 2, wherein the helical springs are formed from a spring steel with a rectangular cross section.

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5. (Amended) The telescopic mechanism of claim 1, wherein the hollow bodies are hollow cylinders.

6. (Amended) The telescopic mechanism of claim 5, wherein the hollow cylinders are formed by a rolled-up blank such that ends of the blank abut one another with formation of a seam.

7. (Amended) The telescopic mechanism of claim 6, wherein the seam extends obliquely to an axis of the respective hollow cylinder.

8. (Amended) The telescopic mechanism of claim 7, wherein the seam extends around the respective hollow cylinder at least once.

9. (Amended) The telescopic mechanism of claim 1, wherein the internal element has a polygonal external cross section and forms several flattenings, which are supported in each case over a set of said hollow bodies at a corresponding flattening of an inner cross section of the external element.

10. (Amended) The telescopic mechanism of claim 1, further comprising a cage which holds the hollow bodies and which fills a

space between the internal element and the external element with  
little clearance and forms a boundary for deformation of an  
5 external cross section of the hollow bodies.

11. (Amended) The telescopic mechanism of claim 10, wherein  
the cage forms several thickened sections which in each case are  
assigned to a flattening of the internal element and accommodate  
a set of hollow bodies and are connected with one another by  
5 flexible cross members.

12. (Amended) The telescopic mechanism of claim 11, wherein  
the cage is an injection-molded part, which is produced as a  
stretched tape and is bent at the cross members into a shape  
corresponding to the external cross section of the internal  
5 element.

13. (Amended) The telescopic mechanism of claim 1, further  
comprising a solid cylindrical roll which supports an inner  
surface of the hollow body with clearance, limits elastic  
deformation of an outer cross section of the hollow body, and is  
5 inserted into at least one of the hollow bodies.

14. (New) The telescopic mechanism of claim 3, wherein the  
helical springs are formed from a spring steel with a rectangular  
cross section.

15. (New) ~~The telescopic mechanism of claim 2, wherein the~~  
internal element has a polygonal external cross section and forms  
several flattenings, which are supported in each case over a set  
of said hollow bodies at a corresponding flattening of an inner  
5 cross section of the external element.

16. (New) The telescopic mechanism of claim 5, wherein the  
internal element has a polygonal external cross section and forms  
several flattenings, which are supported in each case over a set  
of said hollow bodies at a corresponding flattening of an inner  
5 cross section of the external element.

17. (New) The telescopic mechanism of claim 2, further  
comprising a cage which holds the hollow bodies and which fills a  
space between the internal element and the external element with  
little clearance and forms a boundary for deformation of an  
5 external cross section of the hollow bodies.

18. (New) The telescopic mechanism of claim 5, further  
comprising a cage which holds the hollow bodies and which fills a  
space between the internal element and the external element with  
little clearance and forms a boundary for deformation of an  
5 external cross section of the hollow bodies.

19. (New) The telescopic mechanism of claim 2, further  
comprising a solid cylindrical roll which supports an inner  
~~surface of the hollow body with clearance, limits elastic~~

~~deformation of an outer cross section of the hollow body, and is~~

5 inserted into at least one of the hollow bodies.

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20. (New) The telescopic mechanism of claim 5, further comprising a solid cylindrical roll which supports an inner surface of the hollow body with clearance, limits elastic deformation of an outer cross section of the hollow body, and is

5 ~~inserted into at least one of the hollow bodies.~~

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